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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON RICE/ PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to launch a Technology Mission on rice/paddy so as to increase the production of rice and to improve per hectare productivity of rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. Government is already implementing research and production programmes for increasing production and productivity of rice in the country. Hence there is no proposal to launch technology mission on rice.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is carrying out research for development of new high yielding varieties/hybrids and improved production technologies to increase productivity of paddy in the country.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Cereals Development Programme in rice based cropping System areas (ICDP-Rice) is under implementation under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture to increase rice production in the country. Under the scheme assistance is provided for propagation of improved production technology, hybrid rice production technology, integrated pest management through field demonstrations; training of farmers including women, transfer of technology through electronic media and published literature; farm implements; installation of sprinkler irrigation system; varietal replacement; production of certified seeds, etc.

Besides, frontline demonstrations are also organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on farmers fields.